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## UTILITY

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END-810

## PATENT APPLICATION

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Title: BLADES WITH FUNCTIONAL BALANCE ASYMMETRIES FOR USE WITH  
ULTRASONIC SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS

## TRANSMITTAL

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, DC 20231See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application  
contents.1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.3. ☒ Specification Total Pages: 37

(Preferred arrangement set forth below)

X Descriptive Title of the Invention

X Cross Reference to Related Applications

- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&amp;D

- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a  
computer program listing appendix

X Background of the Invention

X Brief Summary of the Invention

X Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)

X Detailed Description

X Claim(s)

X Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Sheets 17

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]

a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**Signed statement attached deleting  
inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table of  
Computer Program (Appendix)8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence  
Submission (if applicable, all necessary)a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); orii. ☐ paperc. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

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☐ Copies of IDS Citations13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

(Should be specifically itemized)

15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. ☐ Request and Certifications under 35 U.S.C. 122

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PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17. ☒ Other: Application Cover Sheet

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Prior application information: Examiner: Group Art Unit:

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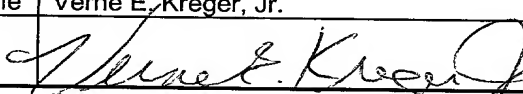
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